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Re: USSN 416,769, Gaisch et al. (PM 913B)

Continuous Process for Microbial Degradation of Tobacco Constituents Containing Nitrates

Dear Margaret:

Further to my letter of April 11, 1984, we have now received the new declaration (copy enclosed) executed by the inventors. If you have recommendations concerning amendments to the application, please let me know before May 24. Otherwise, we shall then file a paper submitting the declaration and correcting the form of dependency of Claims 8-10 objected to by the Examiner.

Very truly yours,

D. Anthony Gregory

Enclosure

cc: W. Edward Bailey